

# ELECTION CONNECTION

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## Getting Ready for 2022

by Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner

I am beginning to think that all of us – poll workers, voters, and elections office staff – are in a perpetual state of planning and preparing for the next election. Whether training to work at the polls; listening to, reading about, or researching the candidates and issues that will appear on your next ballot, or helping to put all the moving parts in place for a smooth and successful election day, election prep seems to be never-ending.

During the past few months, elections staff have engaged in several projects designed to test and improve our policies and procedures and to ensure that Sarasota County voters are able to engage fully, confidently, and competently in the electoral process.

We have implemented new voter registration and management systems, updated voter and poll worker rolls and training curricula, revised many of our internal procedures to comply with new election laws, and redesigned our website to provide every user (voters, poll workers and candidates) on every device access to a fresh, new, and easy-to-search site that puts the latest election news and services at your fingertips.

The new site, which also has the new domain name: **SarasotaVotes.gov**, contains many of the familiar but updated features you would expect to find. Whether you are checking your voter status, precinct or polling place location, the nuts and bolts about candidate qualifying or financial reporting, a schedule of coming elections, poll worker recruitment and training requirements, or election results, it is all there. (Note: SarasotaVotes.com is still operational and will automatically direct visitors to the new .gov domain for the time being.)

I hope you will bookmark our new site and visit often for the most up-to-date and accurate election information.

Have a great summer and remember – it is never too early to start preparing for the next election.



## ELECTION CALENDAR

Election Title	Election Date	Last Day to Register
City of Venice General Election	11/2/2021	10/4/2021



# SUMMER 2021

SarasotaVotes.gov

## Human Resources & Poll Worker Services Update

Poll workers should be on the lookout for new methods of communication regarding availability and assignments. We are still learning and testing our new systems to determine the most efficient procedures for messaging poll workers. In the coming months, you will receive electronic notices about what our future communications will look like and how your interaction with our office may change. Until such time as our processes are in place, you can always reach out to us via email at [pollworker@sarasotavotes.com](mailto:pollworker@sarasotavotes.com) or by calling 941.861.8640.

If you have friends or family members who would like to become poll workers, please direct them to our website at [SarasotaVotes.gov](http://SarasotaVotes.gov) where, under **Poll Workers** on the homepage, they will find a link to **Join Our Team**.

Scheduling for any temporary, part-time work will not begin until January of next year. If you are interested in working in other elections activities such as early voting or with vote-by-mail activities in 2022, please call our HR office at 941.861.8643 for more information.

## Supervisor Turner Elected Vice President of FSE

Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner has been elected **vice president** of the **Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSE)** statewide association for **2021-22**. Secretary of State Laurel Lee swore in Turner, who served as secretary of the association last year, and the rest of the new executive committee on June 16 during the FSE summer conference in Tampa. The FSE is comprised of supervisors from all 67 Florida counties who work together to conduct fair, honest and accurate elections.



### Welcome to our new team member!

Denis joins the SOE after his 30+ years in he Continuing Care Retirement Community industry right here in Sarasota.



**Denis O'Connor**

*Special Projects Manager*

Voter & Vote-by-Mail Services Department

Congratulations  
to our  
**Employee of  
the First  
Quarter 2021!**

**Barbara Bain**

*Public Information Coordinator*

### REGISTRATION STATISTICS

**As of 7/13/2021:**

**Republican: 149,153**

**Democrat: 107,138**

**Other: 95,464**

**Total: 351,755**

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